HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON (HIGHLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

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PROPOSITION 1 - REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

- <u>Section 1</u>. <u>Findings and Determinations</u>. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Highline School District No. 401, King County, Washington (the "District"), hereby makes the following findings and determinations:
- (a) Calendar year 2011 is the last year of collection of the District's current four-year General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy, which was authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 2255, adopted by the Board on November 8, 2006, and a special election held and conducted within the District on March 13, 2007.
- (b) With the expiration of the District's current four-year General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy, it appears certain that the money which will be available for the General Fund for the school years 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 will be insufficient to permit the District to meet the educational needs of its students and support the District's educational programs and operation by paying general expenses thereof, all as more particularly set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, during such school years, and that it is necessary that a replacement excess tax levy of \$46,000,000 be made in 2011 for collection in 2012,

\$46,000,000 be made in 2012 for collection in 2013, \$47,000,000 be made in 2013 for collection in 2014, and \$49,000,000 be made in 2014 for collection in 2015 for the District's General Fund to provide the money required to meet those expenses.

- (c) The District's proposed four-year General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy authorized in this resolution provides for approximately the same purpose as the District's expiring four-year General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy.
- (d) The District is authorized pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 84.52.053 to submit to the District's voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall levy excess property taxes for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses.
- Section 2. <u>Calling of Election</u>. The Director of Records and Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the District in the manner provided by law to be held therein on February 8, 2011, for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether a replacement General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy shall be made annually for four years commencing in 2011 for collection in 2012 on all of the taxable property within the District of \$46,000,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$3.44 per \$1,000 of assessed value (such assessed value representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), in 2012 for collection in 2013 of \$46,000,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$3.44 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2013 for collection in 2014 of \$47,000,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$3.44 per \$1,000 of assessed value. and in 2014 for collection in 2015 of \$49,000,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$3.52 per \$1,000 of assessed value, all in excess of the maximum tax levy specified by law for school districts without voter approval. The exact tax levy rate may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District at the time of the levy.
- Section 3. Use of Levy Proceeds. If such proposition is approved by the requisite numbers of voters, the District will be authorized to levy excess property taxes and use the proceeds of such levies to meet the educational needs of its students and support the District's educational programs and operation by paying general expenses thereof, including, but not limited to, expenses of instruction, safety, materials and facility maintenance and operations, during the school years 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, all as may be authorized by law and deemed necessary by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 4. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the King County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION 1

HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401 (HIGHLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

The Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 2444, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of educational programs and operation expenses, including instruction, safety, materials and facility maintenance and operations:

	Appı	roximate Levy	
	Rate/\$1,000		
Collection Year	As:	sessed Value	Levy Amount
2012		\$3.44	\$46,000,000
2013		\$3.44	\$46,000,000
2014		\$3.44	\$47,000,000
2015		\$3.52	\$49,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2444. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY . . . YES □ LEVY . . . NO □

Section 5. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the "Secretary") or his designee is directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor at least 45 days prior to the date of such special election; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall levy excess property taxes for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses. All actions of the District or its staff or officers taken prior to the effective date of this resolution and consistent with the objectives and terms of this resolution are ratified and confirmed.

Section 6. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the (a) Secretary (John P. Welch), telephone: 206.433.2217; fax: 206.433.2351; email: welchip@hsd401.org; and (b) special counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC (Jim McNeill), telephone:

206.447.5339; fax 800.533.2284; email: mcnej@foster.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the King County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 7. Severability. If any provision of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

Section 8. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401, King County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof, held this 13th day of October, 2010, the following Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution.

HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Bernic Dorsey, President and Director

Sili Savusa, Vice Président and Director

Mangelica Alvarez, Director

Susan Goding, Director

Michael D. Spear, Director

ATTEST:

John P. Welch

Secretary to the Board of Directors

CERTIFICATION

I, JOHN P. WELCH, Secretary to the Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401, King County, Washington (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

- 1. The foregoing Resolution No. 2444 (the "Resolution") is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") held at the regular meeting place thereof on October 13, 2010, as that Resolution appears on the minute book of the District, and the Resolution is now in full force and effect; and
- 2. A quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the meeting and a sufficient number of members of the Board present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of October, 2010.

HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401

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JOHN P. WELCH

Secretary to the Board of Directors